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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-86 are pending. In the Restriction Requirement, claims 1-86 were restricted into the following four groups:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of optimizing the access to a database of song by providing specific choice of user preferences, mapping the specific choice to a database the playing songs that have similar mapping, and user can get more song or get faster by using a command, classified in class 707, subclass 2.
- II. Claims 11-56, drawn to a method of pattern matching access to a media database by analyzing a selected song to extract a set of classification mappings for searching a matching database and generating a result list, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
- III. Claims 57-69, drawn to a method of query formulating by selecting a first and second media station, analyzing the selected media stations to extract sets of classification mapping, <f;ross-analyzing the sets of classification mapping to calculate a mean afid standard deviation for searching a matching data base and generating a result list, classified in class 707, subclass 4.
- IV. Claims 70-86, drawn to a method of sorting media entities by selecting and rating a media entity to extract a set of classification mappings for comparing to classification mapping in historical record and generating an updated preference profile set of classification mapping based on step comparing, classified in class 7J07, subclass 7.

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Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-10 for prosecution at this time. This election is made without traverse, and no representations are made by this election concerning the merits of the Restriction Requirement with respect to the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions among the originally present claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more related applications. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending elected claims.

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